



In the Supreme Court of Iowa

Order Setting Public Hearing)	
and Reopening Comment)	
Period on Proposed New Rule)	
of Juvenile Procedure 8.36—)	Order
Qualification and Training)	
to Represent Parents)	
in Juvenile Court)	

On August 30, 2012, the supreme court issued an order seeking public comment on a proposed new rule of juvenile procedure 8.36. This rule would establish standards for practice, a minimum experience requirement, and a separate continuing legal education requirement for attorneys representing parents in juvenile court proceedings. Copies of the proposed rule and accompanying practice standards can be found at www.iowacourts.gov/Supreme_Court/Orders/. In addition, copies are available at the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

The supreme court has reviewed the proposed rule and the written comments received during the comment period. Because of the volume of comments, the court has determined that a public hearing with oral presentations should be set on the proposed rule and that the written comment period should be reopened for further input. The court appreciates the insight of everyone who has submitted written comments thus far.

The supreme court has divided its calendar into an adjudicative term and an administrative term in order to promote the orderly processing of its work. The administrative term is scheduled to commence on July 1, 2013. **The court will conduct the public hearing**

on this matter on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the supreme court courtroom in the Iowa Judicial Branch Building.

All persons who previously submitted written comments to the court, and those persons who submit written comments pursuant to this order, are invited to request time for oral presentation during the public hearing. Requests for oral presentation may be emailed to rules.comments@iowacourts.gov, and must state "Public Hearing Proposed Rule 8.36" in the subject line of the email. Requests for oral presentation may also be delivered in person or mailed to the Clerk of the Supreme Court, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. **The deadline for submitting requests for oral presentation is 4:30 p.m., May 31, 2013.**

Pending the public hearing, the supreme court is reopening the period for written comments. All written comments the court previously received are considered submitted. Any interested person, organization, agency, or person who has not yet submitted a comment, or wishes to supplement a previously filed comment, may do so. Comments about the proposed rule must refer to the specific rule number (for example, rule 8.36(2)) and the specific numbered line or lines to which the comments are directed. Comments by email must be sent to rules.comments@iowacourts.gov, must state "Proposed New Rule of Juvenile Procedure 8.36" in the subject line of the email, and must be sent as an attachment to the email in Microsoft Word format. Instead of submission by email, comments may be delivered in person or mailed to the Clerk of the Supreme Court, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Comments that are submitted may be posted on the judicial

branch website. **The deadline for submitting further comments is 4:30 p.m., May 31, 2013.**

Interested parties are advised that the judicial branch website has resource information related to the proposed rule. The information may be accessed at **www.iowacourts.gov/Administration/ChildrensJustice/ChildrensJustice/Task Forces on Attorney Standards/Parents Representation**. The website may be supplemented with additional materials related to the subject matter of the proposed rule.

Dated the 18 day of March, 2013.

The Supreme Court of Iowa

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